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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>		<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>		<b>Art Unit</b>	
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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)             | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)    | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____  |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Specification*

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The specification is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to provide an adequate written description of the invention.

It is stated that the rotation of the massage head 24 will cause the upward movement required for the dispensing of lotion from the opposite head. It is not clear how this is performed. It is stated that rotation of massage head 24 also rotates the push rod 20 however, it is unclear how this translates into longitudinal displacement of the push rod 20 to force the lotion out of the device.

What is the criticality of the ring element 23? What purpose does it serve? It is stated that ratchet teeth face 26 at the top of the ring element 23 engages with ratchet teeth 17 of the screw element so that a fixed direction control is obtained however, it is not clear how this affects the operation of the dispensing function. It is understood that rotation of the ring element 23 will only rotate in one direction due to the ratchet teeth arrangement but it is not clear how this affects anything else.

It is not clear how the device serves the function of massaging. The device is merely called a massaging device however, it is not clear how this is effected. The device merely appears to be a lotion dispenser.

It is not clear how outlet hole 141 relates to the device shown in figures 2 and 3. Figure 1 has an arrow pointing to the angled surface of the end of the device however, there doesn't appear to be an outlet shown in figures 2 and 3.

In claim 3, there is no clear antecedent basis for "the ratchet teeth face of the ring element" in lines 10-11.

Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 4 depends upon a cancelled claim. Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

**Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Tani.**

Tani teaches a flow tube 5 within the outlet end head provided with an elastic valve plate not numbered to seal the outlet opening. A screw element 52 is provided with ratchet teeth face as shown in figure 3. A ring element 81 is shown in figure 6. A positioning rod 62 is inserted into a hollow slot of pushing rod 13. To any extent applicant's invention is a massaging device so is the device of Tani.

Regarding claim 4, figure 5 shows the similar shape or corresponding engaging surfaces of the positioning rod and hollow slot of the pushing rod.

***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3 and 4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

It would appear that Tani teaches all of the claimed limitations as now recited.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Danton DeMille whose telephone number is (571) 272-4974. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 6:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg Huson, can be reached on (571) 272-4887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

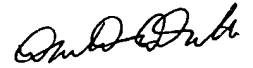
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